



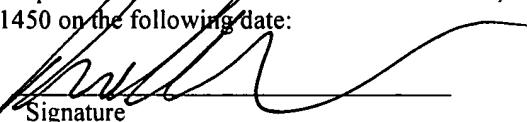
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Title: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE-TAGGED SEMICONDUCTOR  
NANOCRYSTALS FOR MICROARRAY AND  
FLUORESCENCE IN SITU HYBRIDIZATION

## STATUS REQUEST

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Sir:

A Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment was mailed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 15, 2002 in the above-identified application and a Notice was received on February 18, 2003 indicating that the Petition had been granted. An Information Disclosure Statement was filed on March 28, 2003 and a New Power of Attorney was filed on September 10, 2003. A Notice of Acceptance of Power of Attorney was received on December 16, 2003. Since over 27 months have passed and no communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office in response thereto,

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applicants respectfully request to be informed of the current status of this application.

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